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In re Application of Stephen J. David

Application Number 09/446,951-Conf. #3194	Filed February 28, 2000
For: STEP APPARATUS	
Art Unit 3627	Examiner M. A. Cuff

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

<input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) (1 month previously paid 10/17/03)	\$ 840.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$ _____

- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ 420.00
- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
- The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-0911

I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

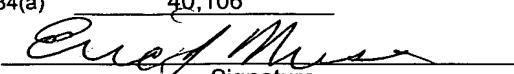
I am the  applicant/inventor.  
 assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.  
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).  
 attorney or agent of record. Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).  
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Total of 1 forms are submitted.

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